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Dorchester Relief Society

1913

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Dorchester Relief Society

(FOUNDED 1879. INCORPORATED 1904.)

For the Year Ending September 30, 1913

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DORCHESTER
1913

The Treasurer's estimates of expenditures, on last year's basis, show the following amounts required to close the year without a deficit on September thirtieth next.

NURSE ACCOUNT	$400.
RELIEF SOCIETY ACCOUNT	700.
	$1,100

As many of the Regular Subscribers have already given this year, the Society must depend on new friends for a large part of this amount. You are therefore earnestly urged **first** to read this report and **second** to send a contribution, large or small, to Miss Charlotte E. Caldwell, Assistant Treasurer, 45 Alban Street, Dorchester.

I enclose $.....as a donation to the work of the

Dorchester Relief Society
Dorchester Free Dispensary
Dorchester District Nurse

Name.....

Address.....

1912 – 1913

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY

Incorporated November 8, 1904

The Dorchester Relief Society reports again, after many years of helpfulness, the work of the past year, which in many respects is much the same as in other years, excepting that the opportunities have increased, as the inhabitants of the Wards have grown more numerous.

The anxiety caused by the lack of funds has continued. Many times have we been obliged to refuse aid to families in care of the Associated Charities because we had not sufficient money. However, we have co-operated with the Associated Charities to the extent of our ability and have aided eighty-five families as recommended by that organization. Fortunately the Provident Association of Boston has extended its benefactions to Dorchester, to a limited extent, when great need to the most worthy persons could be plainly shown and vouched for, thus keeping off the list of the Overseers of the Poor those families which otherwise might have been so placed. Although this extension has been much appreciated, it is not by any means complimentary to those residing in a ward of the city which contains over 130,000 inhabitants. Our Jewish neighbors teach us a lesson in this respect (if we would only heed it). The understanding still continues that this society should take entire charge of the old persons and those without children who are in need of material aid and advice. Several such have been assisted to maintain a little home in a few rooms, and prevented from passing their last days in the Alms House. The gratitude of these persons is often pathetic especially when their early life has been in a measure prosperous. Others have been assisted to gain entrance to a hospital or Convalescent Home, or some private institution where their special infirmities can be cared for. Light work was procured for several persons who were thankful to become in a degree self-supporting if not wholly so.

The story is short but the time and work given to procure the best results with the ever existing need of the greatest economy to our treasury, is by no means an easy task for our faithful agent to perform.

The applications for fitting out with blankets and warm clothing for tubercular patients have been received and met as usual, but a large supply of heavy winter garments, especially those of fur, or old fur robes, are much sought for, and seldom contributed to the Dorchester Relief Society. Tickets issued by the Elevated Railroad have enabled us to give outings and pleasant car rides to one hundred mothers and children. These occasions were much enjoyed.

A day set apart for Mothers, under the auspices of the City, at Franklin Field was taken advantage of and much appreciated by nine of our families.

On Thanksgiving one hundred and fifteen (115) families were supplied with vegetables, fruit and groceries, through the generous contributions of ten of our Public Schools. This means much work for the teachers who so kindly interested the children in bringing the supplies, and gives them early lessons in helpfulness. Many of the contributions were directly delivered by the young people whose cheerful calls added much to the welcome gifts.

The Nathaniel Hall Society of the First Parish, Meeting House Hill, presented five families with complete turkey dinners, the Young People's Society of the Stoughton Street Church furnished four families with dinners, and one dinner was sent from the First Baptist Church.

At Christmas, small packages and cards were distributed among twenty-two persons. Easter cards and booklets were also distributed among several families.

The work of the district nurse is steadily increasing as each year her useful ministrations are more appreciated, and she is a familiar figure in the streets of Dorchester.

This Society pays the District Nursing Association $1,000. a year for the services of one nurse, but in fact two additional nurses are employed all the time and a fourth one occasionally so that all applications receive the much needed attention.

The knowledge gained by the mothers and older girls from the visit of the nurse is a very important factor in her work.

The Free Dispensary has continued to give relief to the lesser ills of the families of the neighborhood. It enables the attending physi-

cians to prevent or arrest diseases which might otherwise become serious.

Mothers who cannot take the time to visit a Boston Dispensary where large numbers of persons must await their turn, and several hours must be spent, are able to take their children to our small well-ordered Dispensary, where medical advice is promptly given and the beginning of illness is recognized. One should be present at one of the clinics, to realize the truth of this statement. Remarks of this kind are heard, "The baby cried all night with the earache and the poor thing is real sick and feverish, so I just run up with her to see the Doctor. Please, Miss Bruce, hold the other baby for me while I go into the Dispensary."

The financial ability to continue the Dispensary was despaired of last Spring, and it was decided it must be closed. However, the Executive Committee was strongly urged to postpone a final decision. In the meantime many testimonials of its good work and usefulness, from those who participate in its benefits and from physicians were received. The latter expressed much regret that a possibility of its discontinuance was being considered, and financial aid and the extending of interest was promised, which we hope will enable the Relief Society to continue this branch of its work.

We thank most gratefully the individuals, churches, schools, clubs and organizations for the donations of all kinds, which have been received, and urge their future continuance, and assure them a conscientious use will be made of money, clothing, bedding and provisions. Also articles to replenish the closet which furnishes the District Nurse with the necessities of the sick room are much needed.

A card directed to Dorchester Relief Society, 204 Adams Street, informing Miss H. Eugenia Bruce, Agent, of your desire to make donations, will be promptly attended to, and a messenger sent to collect the articles.

S. FRANK KING NASH, *Clerk.*

OFFICERS FOR 1913-1914.

President.
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Secretary.
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CLARENCE B. HUMPHREYS,
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Assistant Treasurer.
CHARLOTTE E. CALDWELL,
45 Alban Street.

Auditor.
AUGUSTUS NICKERSON.

Counsel.
CHARLES L. CARR.

Agent.
Miss H. EUGENIA BRUCE,
204 Adams Street.

Trustees of Permanent Funds.

*STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN. *Term expires 1914.*
24 Milk Street, Boston.
*GEORGE G. BRADFORD. *Term expires 1915.*
50 State Street, Boston.
*EDWARD B. WILDER. *Term expires 1916.*

Executive Committee.

Mrs. CHARLES L. BRIGHAM.
CAROLINE S. CALLENDER.
Mrs. HENRY CURTIS.
Dr. CHARLES J. DOUGLAS.
Mrs. JAMES GOOKIN.
Mrs. EDWIN T. HORNE.
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Mrs. J. T. TRACEY.
Dr. HENRY C. TOWLE.
WILLIAM Q. WALES.
Mrs. NELLIE WARE.
Mrs. ROYAL WHITON.

And OFFICERS EX-OFFICIO.

*Members of Finance Committee.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending September 30, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand D. R. S. Account	$149.89
Contributions Nurse Account	765.00
" Dispensary Account	165.00
" D. R. S. Account	1246.33
" Associated Charities	67.00
Collected by Agent	632.91
Special Annuity Fund	200.00
Income from Investments	310.00
Rebate Underhill Press	.75
From D. R. S. Account to Dispensary Account	258.85
Balance due Treasurer Dispensary Account	15.63
	$3811.36

EXPENDITURES.

Balance due Treasurer Nurse Account Sept. 30, 1912	$74.97	
" " " Dispensary Account, Sept. 30, 1912	149.48	$224.45
D. R. S. Account—Aid:		
Groceries, Milk, etc.	442.21	
Funeral expenses, medicine, nursing, etc.	91.62	
Shoes, clothing, etc.	72.23	
Fuel, Stoves, etc.	75.80	
Pensions, Loans, Carfares, etc.	472.00	
Board, Rent, etc.	122.25	
Miscellaneous	5.53	1281.64
D. R. S. Account—Current Expenses:		
Agent Salary	$400.00	
Janitor	22.00	
Rent and Care of Rooms	132.16	
Postage, Printing, Stationery, etc.	172.65	
Telephone, Carfares, Express, etc.	52.16	778.97
Dispensary Account:		
Agent—Salary	$100.00	
Rent	100.00	
Supplies and Care of Rooms	110.42	310.42
Instructive District Nursing Association		674.40
Special Annuity paid to Agent		200.00
Associated Charities—Contributions remitted		67.00
To Dispensary Account		258.85
Balance on hand Nurse Account Sept. 30, 1913		15.63
		$3811.36

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE B. HUMPHREYS, *Treasurer.*

November 8, 1913.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the account, books and report of Mr. Clarence B. Humphreys, treasurer, that all payments are vouched for, that the stated balance is on hand, that all receipts are accounted for and that the report which he has made up is correct. This covers the period from October 1, 1912 to September 30, 1913.

AUGUSTUS NICKERSON, *Certified Public Accountant.*

Report of Trustees of Permanent Funds

DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY

For the Year Ending September 30, 1913.

Balance Cash on hand October 5, 1912	$475.93	
Gift "from a relative in memory of a former officer of the Society, the income only to be used for the general purposes of the Society	1000.00	
Additions to Richard C. Humphreys Memorial Fund	260.90	
Withdrawals from Franklin Savings Bank	135.00	
Income from Investments	365.85	
Investment in 2000 North Pacific and Great Northern Joint 4s		1910.00
Deposit Franklin Savings Bank		2.80
Payments to Treasurer:		
For Sick and Poor of Dorchester		220.00
" General Uses of Society		90.00
" Interest and bonus on Bonds		8.50
" Balance Cash on Hand Income		6.38
	$2237.68	$2237.68

PERMANENT FUNDS.

Martha Clapp Fund	$100.00	
Martha A. Foster Fund	1000.00	
Mary Ann Humphreys Fund	1279.75	
Richard C. Humphreys Memorial Fund	4410.90	
Richard C. Humphreys Fund	1000.00	
Anonymous December 31, 1912	1000.00	
Life Members and Donations	125.00	
Surplus	71.68	
Income	6.38	$8993.71

INVESTMENTS.

$1000 United Electric Securities Co.	$1000.00	
1500 Central Vermont Railway 4s	1200.00	
3000 No. Pacific and Great Northern Joint 4s	2865.00	
3000 American Telegraph & Telephone Co. 4s	2692.50	
1000 Bay State Street Railway 5s	1000.00	
Franklin Savings Bank	8.75	
Dorchester Savings Bank	221.08	
Cash	6.38	$8993.71
Increase in Permanent Funds during year		$1272.30

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. BRADFORD
STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN
EDWARD B. WILDER
Trustees of Permanent Funds.

Examined and found correct and securities and bank books on hand as shown.

AUGUSTUS NICKERSON, *Certified Public Accountant.*

DISPENSARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Medical Committee.
DR. SAMUEL CROWELL, Chairman.
DR. HENRY C. TOWLE,
DR. O. H. ROGERS,
_____, *Secretary.*

Representatives of the Dorchester Relief Society.
EDWIN T. HORNE.
N. WINTHROP ROBINSON.

Representative of Dorchester Conference of Associated Charities.
MRS. MCHENRY ROBINSON.

Staff for 1914.
DR. W. C. EMERY. DR. EDWARD J. BREARTON.
DR. J. T. KENDRICKEN.

DISPENSARY REPORT.

The year 1912–1913 has shown, as in the past, that the Dorchester Free Dispensary fills a useful and needed place in the community.

There have been no resignations or additions to the staff; Dr. W. C. Emery, Dr. E. J. Brearton, and Dr. J. T. Kendricken still continue to serve.

From October 1, 1912 to October 1, 1913 there were eight hundred and four (804) patients treated. Of these there were two hundred and seventy-two (272) new and five hundred and thirty-two (532) old patients.

There were 136 clinical days during the year, the largest month being August, when 131 patients were treated.

On fifteen days there was no clinic owing to the necessary absence of the physician on service and holidays. This regrettable fact will probably be remedied by additional appointments.

The surgical side of the work included thirty-one operations, mostly adenoids and tonsils, and 161 surgical dressings.

Five patients were sent to hospitals, four were refused treatment and seven free prescriptions were given out.

The policy of not vaccinating school children has been adhered to and accounts in a large measure for the decrease in the number of patients. The opening of the schools which brings about this demand causes this work to fall on the shoulders of one physician, thereby requiring considerable time. If two could be on service at this time it would facilitate matters greatly.

The valuable services of Miss Bruce and the nurses are not to be ignored. The former in weeding out the unworthy and the latter for their assistance to the doctors both in the Dispensary and the patients' homes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. KENDRICKEN, M. D.

INSTRUCTIVE DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

Report for Dorchester from November, 1912 to November 1913.

	New Pts.	Total visits	Nursing visits	Instructive visits	Prenatal visits	Friendly visits	Absent visits	M. L. I. C. visits
NOV.	47	435	388	16	1	12	18	192
DEC.	72	447	387	22	5	18	15	226
JAN.	71	468	424	16	11	10	7	239
FEB.	60	407	347	18	5	24	13	194
MAR.	68	559	495	42	3	8	11	242
APR.	69	526	472	24	2	18	10	264
MAY	84	550	491	30	2	14	13	283
JUNE	58	526	479	22	9	5	11	298
JULY	29	400	320	18	16	30	16	188
AUG.	41	414	378	4	4	23	5	124
SEPT.	72	550	497	17	4	18	14	287
OCT.	65	587	527	21	3	24	12	245
	736	5869	5205	250	65	204	145	2782

Number of patients on hand November 1, 1912 . 38
" " " " " November 1, 1913 . 42
Number of Nurses at all times 3
" " " occasionally 4

Annual Subscribers and Donors for Dorchester Relief Society.

Adams, Mrs. Ivers W.
Arakelyan, Jacob J.
Babcock, Mrs. John B. Jr.
Baldwin, Mrs. C. H.
Bates, George P.
Bellamy, Mrs. William
Benevolent Committee of First Parish
Boiles, Mrs. H. Eugene
Bradford, George G.
Bradford, Miss Mary G.
Brigham, Mrs. C. L.
Brigham, Mrs. F. E.
Brotherhood Fund
Caldwell, Miss C. E.
Callender, Miss C. S.
Callender, Mrs Henry (In memory of)
Campbell, Miss E. L.
Capen, Edward N.
Carr, Miss Louise L.
"Cash"
Churchill, J. R.
Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. J. R.
Clapp, James H.
Collins, Mrs. Charles H.
Copeland, William A.
Crowell, Mrs. Samuel
Current Topics Club of Dorchester
Cushing, Miss Susan T.
Cutter, Frank W.
Cutter, Mrs. Frank W.
Cutter, W. H.
Denton, Miss Susan E.
Dixon, Mrs. Henry D.
Dodge, Miss Emma F.
Dorchester Woman's Club
Douglas, Dr. Charles J.
Downes, Mrs. Frederick O.
Eastman, E. F.
Eastman, George A.
Eddy, Mrs. Isaac H.
Eddy, Miss Lydia H.
Farwell, Mrs. Edward S.
First Parish Sunday School
Forbes, Rev. and Mrs. Roger S.
Foster, Mrs. C. D.
Gleason, Rueben
Gordon, James D.
Grove Hall Mission Circle, Universalist Church
Hall, Henry
Hanson, Mrs. A. S.
Hearsey, Miss Sarah E.
Hinckley, Ralph G.
Hobson, Mrs. George H.
Howe, Mrs. J. S.
Horne, Edwin T.
Holbrook, Pinckney
Humphreys, Miss Anna
Humphreys, James H.
"I. H. E."
Kimball, Mrs. Charles W.
Kimball, Edwin F.
King, Theodore W. (In memory of)
Leman, Mrs. Emily F.
Lewis, Mrs. Edwin J.
Lewis, Edwin J. Jr.
May, John P.
Miller, E. L.
Morss, Daniel D.
Nash, Frank K.
Nash, Mrs. Frank K.
Nichols, Mrs. J. H.
Nightingale, Mrs. Crawford
Norris, Z. A.
Nye, Mrs. Augustus S.
Oakman, Henry P.
Parish Aid and Missionary Society, St. Mary's Church
Perry, Arthur D.
Peters, Dr. E. D.
Pettee, Benjamin
Pierce, Miss Henrietta M.
Pierce, J. Homer
Pierce, Miss Louise Q.
Pope, Mrs. Alexander
Pratt, Laban
Reed, Clifford W.
Reed, Mrs. George M.
Richardson, Charles O.
Ripley, Mrs. Clara May
Robinson, Miss Isabella H.
Ruggles, Mrs. T. E.
Sayward, Perceval
Sayward, William H.
Second Church
Sharp, Everett H.
Shepard, Miss Emily B.
Silsbee, Mrs. G. D.
Smith, Edward E.
Smith, Miss Harriett J.
Spaulding, Lyman
Snow, Mrs. F. B.
Soule, Mrs. E. P.
Stearns, Frederic P.
Stevens, Mrs. Edwin A.
Strickland, Capt. Peter

Swan, Arthur R.
Swan, Mrs. Robert T.
Thursday Morning Fortnightly Club
Thanksgiving Collection, Pilgrim Church
Thanksgiving Collection, Second Church
Tilden, Miss Cora A.
Torrey, Elbridge
Townsend, Miss S. Cornelia
Turner, Mrs. William H.
Twitchell, Mrs. E. T.
Wales, William Q.
Walker, Frederick L.
Whidden, Stephen H.
Whitcomb, Mrs. E. E.
Wilder, Edward B.
Willard, Mrs. L. P.
Wood, Mrs. William A.

District Nurse.

Adams, Mrs. Ivers W.
"A Friend from Minneapolis"
Albright Circle, Pilgrim Church
Arakelyan, J. J.
Baldwin, Mrs. C. H.
Benevolent Committee, First Parish
Bense, Miss J. Annie
Brigham, Mrs. C. L.
Burditt, Mrs. Charles A.
Caldwell, Miss E. M.
Callender, Mrs. Henry (In memory of)
Campbell, Miss Ellen L.
Carr, Miss Alice L.
Copeland, William A.
Cushing, Miss Susan T.
Dorchester Woman's Club
Downes, Mrs. Fred. O.
Eddy, Miss Lydia H.
Forbes, Rev. and Mrs. Roger S.
Hall, Henry L.
Hall. Miss Mary L.
Hearsey, Miss S. E.
Howe, Mrs. J. S.
Kimball, Miss H. F.
King, T. W. (In memory of)
Lincoln, Mrs. A. A.
McGregor, Miss E. T.
Myrick, Miss Alice T.
Nash, Frank K.
Nash, Mrs. Frank K.
North, Mrs. F. O.
Pierce, Miss H. M.
Pierce, J. Homer
Pierce, Miss Louise Q.
Pilgrim Woman's Club
Peters, Dr. E. D.
Rand, Mrs. Wm. B.
Ripley, Mrs. Clara May
Sayward, Mrs. William H.
Shumway, Mrs. Mary T.
Soule, Mrs. E. P.
Stearns, Mrs. Kate Dexter
Stearns, Miss M. L.
Stearns, Frederick P.
Snow, Mrs. F. B.
Swan, Arthur R.
Swan, Mrs. J. Edwin
Swan, Mrs. R. T.
Teachers Harbor View School
Torrey, Elbridge
Towle, Dr. H. C.
Turner, Mrs. William H.
Whitcomb, Mrs. E. E.
Wigglesworth, George
Woman's Book Review Club of Dor.
Wood, Mrs. William A.

Dispensary.

Dorchester Woman's Club
Forbes, Rev. and Mrs. Roger S.
Humphreys, Miss Anna
King, T. W. (In memory of)
Myrick, Miss Alice T.
Nash, F. K.
Nash, Mrs. F. K.
Pierce, J. Homer
Snow, Mrs. F. B.
Swan, Arthur R.
Towle, Dr. H. C.
Wood, Mrs. Wm. A.

Contribution of Special Articles.

Mrs. Allen
Mrs. John B. Babcock, Jr.
Benevolent Committee, First Parish, Dorchester
Boston Elevated Railway
The Misses Caldwell
Miss Louise L. Carr
Mrs. Louis M. Clark
Miss H. F. Clarke
Clapp Club
Mrs. Roger S. Forbes
Mrs. Walter S. Fox
First Baptist Church
Miss Eva Hadley
Miss Mary L. Hall
Mrs. Henry L. Hall
The Helpers
Miss Anna E. Lanning
Nathaniel Hall Society, First Parish Dorchester
Mrs. Frank K. Nash
Mrs. Augustus Nickerson
Mrs. Prescott and sister
Romsey Street Church
Second Church Dorchester
Sunshine Club
Several other clubs
Several Schools
Mrs. Henry C. Towle
Mrs. C. P. Wellman
Woman's Alliance, Third Religious Society
Mrs. William Wood
Miss Marjorie Young
Young People's Society, Stoughton Street Baptist Church
Young Ladies' Aid Society.

DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY.

PURPOSE:

To provide relief and, if possible, employment for the worthy poor of Dorchester, and to help them to become self-supporting.
To make it possible for the Associated Charities:—
To protect the community from beggars and impostors, and
To prevent the increase of pauperism.

ADDRESS:

204 Adams Street, Field's Corner.

HOURS:

10 to 11 A.M. daily.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Permanent Funds of the Dorchester Relief Society $.....